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RINGWOOD & DISTRICT ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION

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## MEMBERSHIP FEES

<b>JOINING FEE</b>	<b>£30</b>	<b>ROCKFORD NIGHT PERMIT</b>	<b>£130</b>
<b>JUNIOR (U18, + £10 JOINING FEE)</b>	<b>£75</b>	<b>ADULT DAY TICKET</b>	<b>£14</b>
<b>MINOR</b>	<b>£30</b>	<b>CONCESSION DAY TICKET</b>	<b>£10</b>
<b>ADULT</b>	<b>£200</b>	<b>WEEKLY ADULT TICKET</b>	<b>£80</b>
<b>SENIOR CITIZEN</b>	<b>£145</b>	<b>WEEKLY CONCESSION</b>	<b>£60</b>
<b>DISABLED</b>	<b>£145</b>	<b>12 HOUR GUEST</b>	<b>£15</b>
<b>NIGHT PERMIT</b>	<b>£60</b>	<b>24 HOUR GUEST</b>	<b>£35</b>
<b>THIRD ROD</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>NEW BOOK</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>THROOP GAME</b>	<b>£30</b>	<b>NEW CARD / KEY</b>	<b>£6</b>
<b>NON FISHING GUEST</b>	<b>£30</b>	<b>PARKING PERMIT</b>	<b>£3</b>

## RDA A WEB SITE

Our club website is regularly updated.  
We also have a members only forum which members  
are most welcome to join.

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# LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY



In my report last year I reported the sad news that our President Derek Goulding had passed away. Rae Borrás the owner of North End Farm has agreed to be the club's new President. Rae like Derek has been a great supporter of the club for many years and I am sure that all who know Rae will be delighted that he has taken up the position.

I would like to thank all our members, bailiffs, committee members, tackle shops and fishery owners for their support it is much appreciated. As a lot of you will be aware John Sudworth left the committee at Christmas. John had been on the committee for over 20 years and during that time had carried out many roles latterly as lakes manager. John was also involved with setting up our website and forum along with printing of the membership book and newsletter. I would like to thank John for the many roles he has carried out for the club and wish him good luck for the future.

Matt Hawkins has taken on the role of lakes manager and I am sure he will do a good job for the club. Chris Littlefield has joined the committee to look after our website and I am sure he will also do a good job for the club.

Well it has been an odd year weather wise, we went months without any rain complaining about having no water in the rivers or lakes, then it rained and didn't stop. Hopefully the next year will not have these extremes but it appears that this weather pattern is becoming all too familiar.

We have had a couple of disciplinary issues this year, can I ask members to read the rules in their handbook and follow the ones applicable to the venues they are fishing. Page updates are enclosed with the newsletter, please replace the ones in the membership folder with the new ones – 'I didn't know' is not acceptable as an excuse, if confused give me a call.

There has been an increase of litter being left on our waters. One instance I would like to point out happened at North End Farm on the Avon. The owner who we have a great relationship with contacted me to say he had found deadbaits sealed in plastic thrown into the hedge near the salmon hut. In all the years we have been allowed to fish the fishery he has never found deliberate littering on the fishery. It is totally unacceptable to leave litter on any of our fisheries and any member found doing so will be banned from the club. We will not let people who think it is acceptable not to take their litter home put our agreements at risk.

Whilst on the subject of update pages can you please remove Witherington farm from the membership book. Our agreement on this water expires on the 31st May and for several reasons we have decided not to renew it.

New forest council are charging for their car parks from April 1st (£8 a day) We have made arrangements for members using our permit to fish Hatchett pond without paying for parking. When they collect the tickets from Ringwood tackle and Lonis they will be given 2 fishing permits and a club parking permit. One of the fishing permits and the parking permit should be placed on the dashboard to avoid being fined. Agreement was reached too late to change the membership book page and this will be done next year.

Presently members can fish Whitemoor lakes from October 1st until March 31st as many times as they wish. This arrangement will continue and now from April 1st until 30th September members will be able to fish the lakes a maximum of 3 times in a calendar month without charge, any additional visits during this period they will have to purchase a day ticket. Again this agreement was made too late to amend the membership book page and this will be done next year.

Can I ask members to join the clubs forum, information regarding the club is normally posted on there first. Some information is only posted on the forum which is for members only, for example Parley lakes had several closures this year and we didn't want to advertise this on media which is open to non members as with its location it would open it up for poaching and possible fish thefts.

To join the forum you first have to register for the clubs website and then apply for forum membership, in order to do this we have to have your email address on the clubs database. If we haven't got your email send it to me and I will add it.

We have stocked a lot of fish into our waters this season. 1000 crucians, 50 c3 carp and 350lb of bream into the Wash pit. 25 c4 carp into Hightown and 10 c5 carp into Rockford.

I was hoping to be able to report the data we have obtained from the barbel we stocked into Throop in December 2024, at the time of writing my report I haven't any data available but will hopefully be able to put this in next years report.

Please be aware that if you are renewing your membership by way of the post office box from July 1st you cannot use cheques. You can add your card details to the renewal form or alternatively renew online or by giving me a call.



If your appearance has changed, especially applicable to our younger members whatsapp a new photo to me and I will change your identity photo on our database for when you next renew.

If you reach senior citizen age send proof of being in receipt of state pension to me and I will change your status on the database.

After your permit expires you have 30 days to renew, after this you will have to rejoin the club. During this period you are not allowed on our waters. If you renew after or before expiry your new permit will be dated for 12 months from your original expiry date.


The only increases to fees we have made this year is £5 for Adult/Senior citizen and disabled members, this became applicable from 1st April. We have also added a £10 joining fee for new Junior members. All our leases and club costs have increased in the last 12 months and I am sure you will agree that the increases are reasonable.

If you have any queries or require any information please contact me by email or phone.

Best Wishes

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# LOWER STOUR & BEAT 3 REPORT



*Hi all, Let me start by saying sorry for the short report again but after the year we've had I'm sure you will understand. It was surely a tough year for us river anglers. The harbour anglers found a few different species but not in large numbers, during the winter months anglers usually get some quality bags of silver fish but the water turned cold and clear which in the harbour is the kiss of death quickly followed by flooding.*

*Upstream was also hard fishing, low and weedy during the summer months followed by flooding. Such a shame because the Pony fields and Bernard Mead fish really well for bags of quality roach and bream.*

*As usual above Iford bridge which seems to be our premier stretch of river produced some quality fish including barbel of 17.12, plenty of decent chub,*



*quality Perch, pike and roach. Above the weir and Blackwater produced a fair amount of large fish also, and it was nice to see more barbel showing on this stretch.*

*Once the floods came there was no fishing done during January, February and the first part of March. Once the water dropped enough to fish there were plenty of barbel, chub, bream and pike caught but the silver fish remained elusive. Let's hope for a better season in 26-27.*

*Again a big thank you to all the bailiffs and also the local tackle shops.  
Good luck all,  
Dave McGonigle*

# UPPER STOUR REPORT



Another challenging season with most of the winter fishing lost to flooding, thankfully the river did come into condition for the final three weeks of the season so I hope you managed to fill your boots during that period.

Please keep an eye on the forum for closed season work parties, any extra help would be appreciated by my aging bailiffs, I say it every year but we really need some of you youngsters to step up to the plate.

As always a big thank you to all the bailiffs who work tirelessly every year, you are very much appreciated by the club.

The rest of this report will be from the head bailiff of each venue who know the waters like the back of their hands.

Tight lines for next season.

*Ian Davis – Upper Stour manager.*

## HAVELINS

Well, it's been a bit of a mixed season at Havelins to say the least, the summer saw drought conditions with very little movement on the water making it fish very slow with the venue barely seeing an angler. The late Autumn saw more flow on the river with good catches of moderate silvers mainly roach. The copse swims produced a few reasonable chub along the trees; nobody seems to go below the copse I'm sure there's good chub fishing all the way down the stretch with all the overhanging trees.

The winter fished very well despite the floods, good catches of roach also the odd bream to 7lb, plenty of good dace showing around the bridge area to those anglers fishing shallow.

Perch fishing was excellent, anglers enjoyed good bags of fish coming to worms or lures with fish in the two pound plus bracket caught with some over three pounds. The floods brought a lot of debris onto the bank which I will clear up in the closed season. We will have a work party in late May or early June when we will be looking for a volunteer or two so keep your eyes on the club forum for dates if you would like to help.

*Paul Williamson*

## HAMPRESTON

It seems incredible that another season has ended the way it has, with Hampreston suffering extensive flooding which reached new heights. Even Guy and Anne Trehane on returning from holiday found the farmhouse had taken on water, flooding the lower ground floor of the property. An extensive clean-up is underway, removing mud and detritus from the pastures and lanes around the farm. Josh is busy filling in potholes and restoring the flood bank in the upper pasture at the end of the long lane.

On a brighter note, Barrie and I took part in some of the best work parties Hampreston has ever had. With many members coming to our aid in removing obstructions in the river, clearing swims, strimming back the nettlebeds and undercutting willows to aid long trotting along the banks. Without such help from the club's gallant volunteers, all our fisheries would have an uphill struggle. Those who helped required the inside track on some of the best swims on this fishery, where best to find those undercut banks for the rolling leger, whose deep holes in mid river, an excellent lie for chub and barbel, slip-streaming the main current.

The long hot summer which produced low water, aided the removal of some of the nastier snags. Invasive saplings were cut back, opening more swims and future proofing others. Josh (Farm Manager) created a biblical pile of wood for burning in one of the upper meadows, sadly Barrie and I missed that one being torched!

A number of members had found good chub, the cheesysmear worked wonders, once levels had dropped. The message of ONE LANDING NET per angler (NO SHARING) as the club rules state, seems to have finally taken root and I would like to thank a number of pike anglers for that. There has been the odd incursion from

poachers, I caught three myself fishing the lower section, these gentlemen were quickly removed as the “I was a member eighteen months ago”, didn’t wash. I would finally like to thank all those who took part in helping to improve the club’s fisheries this season. It was astounding to be greeted with such dedication and commitment by members. More to do this closed season and regular postings for help will be listed on the forum under “Dates For Work Parties”. Do please come along, as I can assure everyone the work is not overpowering, camaraderie is high, the food is excellent and the benefit to your fishing knowledge will be sublime.

*Thank you. – John Rushton*

## **PARLEY**

*Hello everyone, I’ll start with a bit of a confession: I’ve been about as scarce on the banks lately as a double-figure barbel in a mid-summer drought. Between a family situation and a bout of ill health that frankly had more “fight” in it than I did, I’ve been stuck indoors while you lot have been out enjoying (or enduring) the elements. My apologies for the radio silence—I’ve missed the river, and the company, more than I can say. This report is brought to you courtesy of the “Parley Grapevine”—the dedicated band of anglers who have been kind enough to report back to me while I’ve been out of action. Here is how our season at Parley has looked from the perspective of those actually getting their boots muddy.*

*The season has, quite predictably, been dictated by the whims of the British weather. We started with a summer that felt like a test of character. Low water levels and explosive weed growth turned much of our beautiful stretch into something resembling a well-manicured salad bowl. Finding the fish was hard enough; finding a patch of gravel to actually present a bait on was a feat of engineering. Many of you reported that it was “difficult” fishing, which I suspect is the polite, angler’s version of “I nearly threw my rod in the river.”*

*We did see a brief, glorious lull where the weed began to behave and the conditions looked perfect for a late-season masterclass. Naturally, the heavens took note of our optimism and opened the floodgates. What followed was a prolonged period of “bank-bursting” proportions that put the river out of bounds for most making the national news.*

*In true Parley fashion, normality has finally returned just in time for the end of the season. The floods have eased, the river is settling, and the conditions are finally looking like what we had hoped for six months ago. Fish wise I have had heard of some fantastic chub well into six plus from popular swims, in flood and in normal levels, and a healthy handful of big roach they are there trust .....*

*A huge thank you to everyone who kept me in the loop while I was sidelined. It kept my spirits up to hear about the triumphs and the “ones that got away.” Let’s hope El Niño or la Niña the failing Gulf Stream and the polar vortex are kinder next season.*

*Alan Wilcox*

## **BOUNDS FARM**

*As always, I'd like to thank once again everyone who helped out on the work parties throughout the year, both bailiffs and club members.*

*This year's close season work parties will be on Saturday 30th May and Sunday 7th June. As usual meeting up at the veg patch car park at 9am and moving on from there. All are welcome, the camaraderie is great, the food a bonus but best of all it's a great way to learn about the fishery. I'll post the dates on the forum for the autumn ones which will be around the end of September time.*

*Also this year with the help of Barrie Douglass, on the first Monday of every month starting in July and meeting at 8am in the veg car park we will have some morning session work parties throughout the summer. If they work well, it's something we can make more permanent. I'd also like to thank the club for the investment in the top car park which throughout all the floodwater has held up extremely well.*

*Now for the fishing, which as I write this, I'm on the bank for only the third time in 2026 and as you all know what a weather shocker it's been so far, with chub the go to fish at the moment. This has been pretty much the same throughout the season, however there have been some good Roach and Pike caught early season and mid-Autumn together with the occasional barbel here and there.*

*So as we dust ourselves down again and pick ourselves up for the next season let's hope that things do get better!*

*Thanks everyone - Bill Graham*

## **BLANDFORD**

*Hi to all, my name is Paul Catchpole and I am the new bailiff for the Blandford stretch of the stour.*

*The fishing has been excellent this season with good bags of roach to 2lb plus, some decent chub to well over 5lb and some good pike with fish to over 20lb been taken. Add to that a few bream, perch, and grayling there is no doubt that this section of river is well worth a visit next season.*

*During the closed season I will be clearing some new swims below the bypass bridge and install a couple of new gates to make it more accessible to the lower end of the stretch.*

*This year has seen an influx of young anglers, many have limited knowledge on how to fish, so I have taken great delight in pointing them in the right direction, simple things like how to trot a float or pike fishing responsibly with fish welfare in mind. Most of these kids' parents are not anglers so it is nice when they thank me for helping out.*

*Looking forward to seeing some new faces next season. Tight lines.*

*Paul Catchpole (Stour bailiff)*



## AVON REPORT

*Hello Everyone.*

*Another very wet winter making it six out of the last seven. We did manage to get the platform on the island at Shallows Farm raised by 15 inches from the existing level but even that isn't enough to cope with the conditions we currently get.*

### **THE SEVERALS**

*In November a memorial bench for Derek Goulding, our long serving club president, was installed behind the White House swim, a lovely spot to just stop and listen to the chattering warblers or watch the damsel and dragonflies go by.*



*Staying with The Severals I'm hoping that by the time the new season arrives we will have a new pathway in place.*

*Instead of turning left at Dangerous Bend and going round the edge of the field to get downstream you will now go towards the White House swim, turn left after the hawthorn bush then next left by the electricity cables to come out by the old rusty stile. This a shorter distance and will stop the danger of a twisted ankle in those bad ruts. If the weather will let us we will also be replacing the stile just above the Lower Boat swim with a self closing gate, although self closing please make sure it is closed and don't let it just bang itself to death!!*

## **NORTH END FARM**

*In late August there was a fire in a neighbouring field, this spread to parts of the river bank and badly damaged the windbreak of willows, the damaged trees had to be felled for safety reasons which left quite a wasteland. 45 hazel plants have been put in to try and establish the windbreak again, whilst also beneficial for the wildlife. Thank you to Phil White for his assistance.*

*Please READ the rules regarding this fishery, in one afternoon I found five members using artificial lures, this includes flies for pike.*

## **AVON CASTLE**

*Back in the summer I was contacted by a member who had an unpleasant experience with the owner of the house with the weeping willow and platform in the garden, it got quite heated. I intend to move that swim slightly upstream so that more of the willow is blanking off the view of the garden. Please don't rise to this man's behaviour, just point out that you have every right to be on the bank.*

*That's pretty much all the major stuff. Fishing wise it's been a trying season, very low levels throughout the summer, then the last three months everywhere but in the banks. Well done if you managed to get a good fish or two.*

*I have been informed of a coat found in September and an unhooking mat found in January, if you would like to be reunited with them please get in touch by the end of May, after that I shall donate them to Wayne at Bournemouth Fishing Lodge for his youngsters angling charity.*

*Finally a huge Thank You to the team of bailiffs, Matt Hawkins and Richard Roberts for cutting the paths at North End Farm and getting equipment to The Severals, Richard Jesse for his incredible metalworking skills and Richard and Ash at Ringwood Tackle for allowing me to use them as a drop off and collection point. Also a thank you to those of you who have been kind enough to appreciate the efforts of the above.*

*I hope next season is a bit kinder to me and you if you've had a tough 25/26.*

*Happy Angling, Richard Randall*

# THROOP REPORT

This season from last June to March has presented many different and often difficult situations. The summer, although lovely, saw some of the lowest levels that many anglers have experienced on Throop. The intense heat and lack of any rainfall caused huge, deep cracks to appear upon the banks. Although the levels were low, a good range of fish were still caught, some decent chub and a few lovely barbel showing.

Roll on to this winter, and what can I say. Almost 2 months of flooding over the banks, constant rain and very little chance to fish. A few hardy souls with good waders ventured out, but the amount of water was only topped by the floods back in 2013. It was one centimetre short of this record. As expected there were piles of debris to clear. Extensive repairs are required to the foot bridge on the Hurn bank near School Bridge due to erosion of the footings, other sections of bank have also been washed away and there are many other leaning trees and flood damaged areas.

Unfortunately we have seen an increase in lures and pike rigs hanging in the trees, please cast with care, especially on any areas that are adjacent to the public footpath.

The Barbel stocking information is ongoing. We are awaiting updates from the Environmental Agency.

School Bridge may be due for some repair in the near future, if we hear anything we will of course let you know if it affects accessibility to the fishery.

Once again sadly, we did have issues with both day ticket holders and members not closing or locking gates after use. There really is no need to unlock the gate before you actually depart. Some members have lost fishing due to their membership being suspended for this. If you fish near a gate, as a member you are responsible to make others aware. Litter also, although reduced, is still everyone's responsibility, so please bear this in mind. Thank you to those who do clear up after others, it is appreciated.

We still have to shut the fishery at short notice sometimes. From Boulder Weir, Beat 2 to Blackwater, usually during December and January. This is at the landowners request, and we post this information on the members forum, facebook and in the shops as soon as we have it. If anyone is found to be on the fishery during these closed times, you will lose your membership, so please check if you are unsure, especially if you are travelling.

Please do not enter the fishery during the closed season unless you have a game ticket addition. If you are found 'just having a look' before the start date, again you will lose your membership.

Thank you to the bailiffs for your continued support.

*Simon Ebborn - Throop Manager*

# TREASURERS' REPORT

It is once again time for my annual report for the club newsletter. I am pleased to share that our finances remain on an even keel; we have achieved a small operating profit over the past year and the club remains in good health. As I state every year, we offer incredible value for money given the vast array of waters our members can fish for the price of a single subscription. I am also incredibly grateful to all the bailiffs who volunteer so much time and effort to help make the club what it is today.

Our stocking programme continues where it is safe and prudent to do so. By introducing large quantities of high-quality fish, we are keeping an eye on the future to ensure the club remains a premier destination for many years to come.

To meet the continually rising costs of lease commitments, repairs, and general improvements, the committee has voted to implement a small increase in membership subscriptions this year. This is a necessary step to cover our day-to-day running costs and maintain our high standards.

I am currently finalising the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2026 for the auditor's approval. These figures will be available to members at the club's AGM, held this June at Bournemouth Sports Club, Chapel Gate, Christchurch, BH23 6BD. All members are very welcome to attend.

Tight lines to all  
*David Treadwell*  
*R&DAA Treasurer*

## R&DAA A.G.M 2026

AGM is Thursday 11th June, 19:30pm  
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**BEST SPECIMEN**  
RUNNER UP

**£25 VOUCHER**

**FINN MCGRATH  
20LB 12OZ - ROCKFORD**

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# LAKES MANAGERS' REPORT

Firstly, as some of you are aware that John Sudworth had departed from the club. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank him for everything that he has done over the last 20+ years and that it has been a privilege being involved and working alongside him as his assistant. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish him well and the best of luck for the future ahead in whatever he does.

Well as like last year, all the lakes have had plenty of water put into them and work will be carried out when the water levels drop without too much disruption to the angling.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the bailiffs and also the works team for their contributions and hard working efforts that keep the club going as it can be an ongoing battle with tree work, swim building, steps etc.

We are still having problems with RUBBISH being thrown/left on all of the lakes.

PLEASE take it home or you will lose your card if caught!!!

Please keep all gates closed and locked at all times!!!

All lakes have had a stocking of fish this year and a stocking plan is in place for the future.

*Matt Hawkins, Lakes Manager*

# SHOP REPORT

Thank you firstly to all the tackle shops that support Ringwood & District Angling Association, you provide a vital service for us in the issuing of new memberships, day and guest tickets and keys.

Since going cashless the process has become more efficient and easier to maintain a regular supply of membership books.

If members require a replacement club key these are available in the tackle shops, please provide the shop with your current permit number.

Hopefully no one has experienced any problems with missing items from books, but, if you think your missing something, please feel free to contact me so I can rectify the issue.

Thanks again for your support.

Regards Juliet Ebborn

# WILDLIFE REPORT 2025

Now as I write this we are coming out of a long-wet winter with some of the heaviest ever rainfall recorded for Hampshire and Dorset. There are now the first signs of spring and warmer days ahead starting to show, with bird song certainly getting more vocal early mornings, with buds on trees and shrubs greening up, we are certainly very close to the spring equinox which will see equal hours of daylight and darkness, I know once we get to this point the only way is up.

It is the time of year again where we must be aware of our breeding birds, as not only will they be starting to build nests but also claiming territories before nesting commences. As always, we must not disturb birds during this period of the year. I have seen my first chicks of the year as I write this (March 12th, 2026), a brood of 6 Mallards chicks on Northfield Lake. I am sure this will be the first of many on Northfield and Rockford lakes

I do like to keep a tally of the wildlife I see whilst visiting the lakes, especially the birds, last year I did manage to get my bird list to over 100 species of bird seen (103 actually), and hopefully this list will grow even more over the years.

A couple of the rarer bird sightings I had last year was a Black tern in the Autumn on Rockford Lake, this is a rare migrant to visit UK, also similar time of year there was 2 White Tailed Sea eagles regularly seen over Rockford Lake. These birds were part of the reintroduction project on the Isle of Wight that has been happening over the past few years, they certainly cannot be missed with an impressive wingspan of well over 2 meters and referred to a "flying Barndoor".





Last nesting season (2025) again saw plenty of breeding activity on the lakes, as always plenty of Canada and Greylag geese, along with some Egyptian Geese. Mallard raised several broods on both Rockford and Northfield complex, along with Coots and Moorhens. Tufted Ducks bred on Rockford Lake, I know these species are the pain to anglers diving on the baits, but they are not common breeders in Hampshire so good to see them nesting.

Lots of the more common species used the nesting boxes erected around the lakes, plenty of Blue tits and Great tits, along with Robins and Dunnocks. Several Blackbirds and Song Thrush nests were observed in the dense bramble areas, along with some migratory nesting visitors such as Chiff Chaff and Whitethroats.



**Plenty of Greylag geese with young on Rockford**

2026 will see me for the first time conducting surveys monthly from September to March called WeBS ( Wetland bird Survey), this is a national coordinated survey conducted monthly, at present I believe neighbouring Wildlife Trust volunteers do this on Rockford lake, I feel the club should also be doing this inhouse as the statistics from the WeBS count are looked at when the clubs SSSI condition assessments are made , it would be nice to have our own figures to back up any other surveys conducted.

The nesting boxes erected around the lakes are slowly being replaced with better quality boxes, this is something I do at no expense to the club, I manage to get plenty of scrap offcuts of wood from people and recycle it, turning it nesting boxes, also I am getting some metal holed plates made to go around holed entrance of nest box as squirrels and woodpeckers are opening the wholes to large for the smaller bird species.

Lots of work again happening around the lakes and working alongside the lakes manager and the lakes maintenance team, we now try to do all necessary works around having minimum impact on any of the wildlife living onsite, raising awareness of our wildlife that share our angling environment with us is key for a great symbiotic relationship.

Simple tasks of not being really tidy ( nature does not like really tidy) and leaving piles of wood to decay slowly to become deadwood is vital, some of our invertebrates such as Stag Beetles can take up to 7 years to do a full life cycle as a egg laid into deadwood turning into a grub living and feeding in deadwood, to emerging into the Stag beetle, to Fly and fight and mate then lay eggs into deadwood and die, starting the whole cycle process again. Lots of people (especially at home in the garden) would not leave a piece or pile of old wood in one place for 7 years for the Stag beetle to do its life cycle, hence the decline in this species nationally.

This is just a quick update of just a few of the fantastic things happening on the lakes, feel free to reach out to me, lakes manager or lakes maintenance team for any more information, and feel free to approach for a chat if you see me fishing on the lakes

Adam Wells,  
RDAA fishing club member

RDAA Newsletter 2026



Stag Beetles at Northfield June 2025

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February	0715	1730
March	0630	1800
April	0615	2030
May	0530	2130

Add 2 hours to the above if rules state fishing to cease 2hrs after sunset. A maximum further 15 minutes to be OFF the bank. **Fishing start time is time allowed to access fishery**

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Our website contains up to the minute information about the club. There is a wealth of information about all of our fisheries plus a club forum with details about what's been caught and where, plus the latest river and fishing conditions. This and the Match Section are updated regularly, so why not bookmark it.